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## News Release

## MAN PLEADS GUILITY TO THE PRODUCTION AND TRANSPORTING OF CHILD PORNOGRAPHY INTO THE U. S.

ALEXANDRIA – United States Attorney Paul J. McNulty announced that Burhan Mahmod Hinawi, age 44, of Charlotte, North Carolina, pled guilty today to a one count criminal information charging him with production of child pornography outside the United States and transporting child pornography into the USA. Hinawi is scheduled to be sentenced on January 20, 2006, by Senior District Court Judge Claude M. Hilton. He faces a maximum sentence of 30 years imprisonment.

Court documents allege that Hinawi produced videos of himself engaging in various sexual acts with male and female children between the ages of 12 and 15. Hinawi remains in custody pending sentencing.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Immigration and Customs Enforcement,
Department of Homeland Security and prosecuted for the United States by Assistant United States Attorney
Gerald Smagala.

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